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1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM IOPZ AD HOC COMITE CHAIRMAN (AMERASINGHE) RECEIVED BY USUN 11 JUNE. LETTER REQUESTS EARLY REPLY AND APPARENTLY SUPERCEDES ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

AT MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND OF THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE LATTER CONVENED IN PURSUANCE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 3259 A (XXIX) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ENLIST THE CO-OPERATION OF THE GREAT POWERS (PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL) AND OTHER MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. THIS APPEAL FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF THESE POWERS AND OF THE MAJOR MARITIME USERS HAS BEEN MADE EXPRESSLY IN OPERATIVE
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PARAGRAPH 5 OF RESOLUTION 3259 A OF THE UNITED NATIONS GEN-

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ERAL ASSEMBLY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 3259 A (XXIX) CONSULTATIONS COMMENCED OF 5 JUNE, AND ARE IN PROGRESS, WITH A VIEW TO CONVENING A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN.

THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES DECIDED TO INVITE JAPAN AND CHINA WHICH HAVE FROM THE VERY INCEPTION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CO-OPERATED WITH, AND PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES HAVE INVITED THESE TWO STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OTHER GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN IN THESE CONSULTATIONS AND IN ALL EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 2832 (XXVI) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OTHER GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS IN THE CONSULTATIONS OF THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES, ASSUMING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE, COULD IN ORDER TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE TO THEM, BE FIXED FOR AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT AFTER PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE GROUP OF LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES, TOGETHER WITH JAPAN AND CHINA, HAVE PRODUCED A SOUND BASIC FOR CONSULTATION WITHIN A WIDER GROUP.

THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES WISH TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS IN REGARD TO THE CONCEPT ITSELF, THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL SO FAR AS THE SECURITY AND OTHER INTERESTS OF THE GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS ARE CONCERNED, THE SPECIFIC ISSUES OVER WHICH THERE IS ANY DEGREE OF DISAGREEMENT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECLARATION AND THE BEST MEANS OF ADVANCING TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION WITH SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS MAY BE FOUND NECESSARY TO RECONCILE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND INTERESTS.

THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES ARE FULLY ALIVE TO THE REALITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE PRACTICAL DIFF-
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ICULTIES THAT WOULD BE FACED IF ACTION WERE TAKEN WITH UNDUE HASTE AND WITHOUT A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF STATES OUTSIDE THEIR GROUP.

IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN PARTICULAR HAVE REQUESTED ME TO SEEK YOUR CO-OPERATION.

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I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY AS THE PRESENT SERIES OF MEETINGS WILL END ON JUNE 20. I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL UNRESERVEDLY IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH ME AND SECURE ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION THAT IS NECESSARY.UNQUOTE
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